



Preliminary Analysis Assumptions and Constraints



The following information has been developed as a means of ensuring resource protection during implementation of the LaVA Project. The assumptions and constraints will be analyzed to determine their accuracy and to identify all potential project risks if the assumptions/constraints are later found to be inaccurate.

- No more than 360,000 acres would be treated over the life of the LaVA Project.
- Treatment activities would occur only in the pre-established Treatment Opportunity Areas (TOAs).
- Individual projects would not be implemented until pre-treatment checklists have been completed and approved by a Responsible Official.
- Project design criteria (PDC) would be applied to individual projects, as necessary, to protect area resources.
- Design and implementation of individual projects would comply with applicable state and federal laws.
- Forest Plan Standards would be followed (USDA Forest Service 1991c).
- Deviations from Forest Plan Guidelines would be analyzed and rationale for deviations will be documented in the EIS and Record of Decision.
- Treatment activities would occur year-round.
- System roads would be used whenever possible to avoid the need for temporary road construction. Project implementation would use the minimum amount of temporary road construction necessary to achieve resource objectives.
- All temporary roads would be closed and rehabilitated within 3 years of project completion, unless agreed by ID team recommendation and Responsible Official decision that complete rehabilitation would cause more damage than a less complete technique.
- Existing manmade and natural features would be used, whenever possible, instead of building additional control lines for prescribed fire.
- Level one roads may be used to access treatment areas. These roads would be closed and returned to level one status after treatments are complete.



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